

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following:

[0026] Identity service 18 includes identity server 36, identity table 38, and identity table interface 40. Identity server 36 represents any programming capable of receiving and responding to requests – made by application service 12 – for the network address and credentials needed to locate and access resource service 14. Client 16 may access identity service 36 as well to provide needed information. Identity server 36 is also responsible for managing identity table 38. Identity table 38 represents a logical memory area accessible by identity table interface 40 and used to contain identity data. Identity data is data used to locate and access a particular resource 30. Identity data will include the network address or URL for the resource 30 or – more generally – any means by which the network address or URL for resource 30 can be obtained. Identity data also includes credentials for accessing the resource 30. Credential may include a user name and password pair, an encryption/decryption key, and/or any other data used to access secure information. Resource data may be a unique URL such as <https://www.documentservice.com/default?credentials=user:pass>. The portion "<https://www.documentservice.com>" can be used to locate a particular resource 30. The portion "credentials=user:pass" provides credentials needed to access that resource 30. Identity table interface 40 represents programming capable of providing association module 28 access to identity table 38.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following:

[0029] Fig. 3 illustrates the logical elements of association table 44. The exemplary table in Fig. 3 contains three entries 50. Each entry 50 is made up of two fields, a client identifier field 52, and a session identifier field 54. Each time any client 16 accesses association server 42, server 42 adds an entry to association table 44. In the client identifier field 52 it stores data (client identifier) identifying the client 16 or user accessing association server 42. In the server/session identifier field 54, it stores data (session identifier) identifying a server, 26, 32, or 36 for example, of which the identified client or user just made a request as well as data identifying the particular session associated with that request. Where servers 26, 32, 36, and 42 are web servers, a session identifier may be a unique URL (Uniform Resource Locators) identifying a web page in response to a request from browser 48. The following is an example of a unique URL: <http://www.printservice.com/default?session=123asd>. The portion "www.printservice.com" allows browser 48 to access, for example, identity server 36. The portion "session=123asd" identifies the particular session or instance of the user accessing identity server 36.